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HIGH-SPEED THICKNESS MAPPING
OF PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits, without admission of prior art effect thereof, the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 pursuant to the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of these references were submitted in connection with the parent case, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/611,219, and therefore are not submitted herewith.

Applicant has listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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